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For: **ENDOGENOUS RETROVIRUSES UP-REGULATED IN PROSTATE CANCER**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the application referenced above. We believe no fee is due in connection with this filing. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Appendix 1 is a copy of the amended paragraphs and claims, with markings to show changes made.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

4. (Amended) The method of any preceding claim, wherein the expression product is a RNA having the following formula: N<sub>1</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>3</sub>-N<sub>4</sub>-N<sub>5</sub>-polyA, wherein: N<sub>1</sub> has at least x% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:155; N<sub>2</sub> has at least x% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:156; N<sub>3</sub> has at least x% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:6; N<sub>4</sub> comprises any RNA sequence; N<sub>5</sub> has at least